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Developmental Disabilities Administration

Frank W. Kirkland, Executive Director

Memorandum

To: DDA stakeholders

From: Frank Kirkland, Executive Director 

CC: DDA staff

Date: February 1, 2012

RE: Appointment of DDA Deputy Director

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of Stanley "Stan" Butkus, Ph.D. as the Deputy Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) effective February 8, 2012.

Dr. Butkus has over thirty years experience in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University and subsequently obtained three masters degrees including a M.A. in Educational Psychology and Special Education from the University of Nebraska, a M.P.A. from the University of New Hampshire and a M.S.W. from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Butkus' received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He has served as adjunct faculty at the Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Social Work from 1988-1990. Additionally, Dr. Butkus co-authored numerous journal articles on various disability related topics.

Dr. Butkus has held several high level leadership positions in local and state government. Most recently, Dr. Butkus served as the Director of the Metro Developmental Disabilities Services Office in the New York Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Butkus previously served as the Director of the Virginia Office of Mental Retardation Services from 1986 to 1992 and as the Director of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs from 1996-2009. He has also held positions as the Director of the Central Virginia Training Center and the Associate Commissioner of Community and Facility Services in Virginia.

Dr. Butkus is a past President of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities (NASDDDS). He has a wealth of experience developing and implementing

services including Home and Community Based Waivers. I am very pleased that DDA is able to add someone with the experience and expertise that Dr. Butkus has to our team. He will be an asset to both DDA and DHMH as we make needed improvements to our service system for people with developmental disabilities.